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AWFUL RECITAL

of the Massacre of Armenian Christians by Turkish Soldiers.

STORY OF FIENDISH BARBARISM

Which is Almost Beyond Belief Comes From the Far Orient.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE SLAIN,

Regardless of Age or Sex—The Darkest Ages of Darkest Africa Furnish no Parallel to the Scenes Witnessed at the Terrible Slaughter—Hundreds of Innocent Christian Women, After Being Forced to Serve Vile Purposes by the Soldiers, Are Put to Death, Though They Plead for Mercy at the Feet of the Commander of the Kurds.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The chairman of the Armenian Patriotic Association, G. Hagopian, has sent the following letter, received from an Armenian, whose name is not given because it would jeopardize his life, to the earl of Kimberley, the secretary of state for foreign affairs. The letter is accompanied by one from Hagopian, in which he says:

"I have no reason to doubt the authenticity of the details. They will be borne out by fuller official reports, which have been, or which will soon be received from the British agents in Armenia. The events reported are the re-enactment of the Bulgarian atrocities with all of their most sickening details of fiendish lust and atrocious cruelty on unarmed Christians and defenseless, innocent women and children, deliberately planned and ruthlessly executed under orders received from Constantinople."

Hagopian concluded by saying that the time has come to abolish in toto the administration of Armenia and replace it by another regime approved by Great Britain and the other dignitaries of the treaty of Berlin and worked under their immediate supervision.

"The letter of the Armenian, thus prefaced, is dated, Bitlis, October 8. After saying that the chief magistrate appears to be a second Nero, the writer continues:

"The so-called rebellion of the Armenians in 1893 was a got-up affair for the repression of which the chief magistrate got a decoration.

"This year the Kurds carried off Armenian oxen and the Armenians' appeal for their restoration was refused. A fight ensued, two Kurds were killed and three were wounded.

THE PRETEXT FOR THE SLAUGHTER.

"The Kurds immediately carried their dead before the governor, declaring that the Armenian soldiers had over-run the land, killing and plundering the Kurds. "This furnished a pretext for massing the troops from far and near. The troops were commanded by a pasha and a marshal and were hurried to the district.

"The pasha is said to have hung from his breast, after reading it to his soldiers, an order from Constantinople, to cut the Armenians up root and branch, and adjuring them to do so if they loved their king and government.

"Nearly all of these things were related here and there by soldiers who took part in the horrible carnage. Some of them, weeping, claim that the Kurds did more and claim that they only obeyed the orders of others.

"It is said that one hundred fell to each of them to dispose of. No compassion was shown to age or sex, even by the regular soldiery, not even when the victims fell suppliant at their feet.

"Six to ten thousand persons met such a fate as even the darkest ages of darkest Africa hardly witnessed. Womanhood and innocence were but a mockery before the cruel lust that ended its debauch by stabbing women to death with the bayonet, while tender babes were impaled with the same weapon on their dead mother's breast or perhaps seized by the hair to have their heads lopped off with the sword.

BRO FOR COMPASSION IN VAIN.

"In one place 300 or 400 women, after being forced to serve vile purposes by the merciless soldiery, were hacked to pieces by sword and bayonet in the valley below.

"In another place some 200 weeping and wailing women begged for compassion, falling at the commander's feet, but the blood-thirsty wretch, after ordering their violation, directed his soldiers to dispatch them in a similar way.

"In another place some sixty young brides and the more attractive girls were crowded into a church and, after violation, were slaughtered, and human gore was seen flowing from the church door.

REFUSED TO DENY CHRIST.

"At another place still, a large company under the lead of their priest, fell down before them, begging for compassion, and averting that they had nothing to do with the culprits; but all to no purpose. All were called to another place, and the proposal was made to several of the more attractive women to change their faith, in which case their lives were to be spared. They said: 'Why should we deny Christ? We are no more than these [pointing to the mangled forms of their husbands and brothers.] Kill us, too; and they did so.

"A great effort was made to save one beauty, but three or four quarreled over her, and she sank down like her sisters.

"But why prolong the sickening tale? There must be a God in Heaven who will do right in all these matters, or some of us would lose faith.

"One or more consuls have been ordered that way to investigate the matter. If the Christians, instead of the Turks, reported these things in the city of Bitlis and the region where I have been touring, the case would be different. But now we are compelled to believe it.

Another letter says that some of the regular soldiers themselves admit that they killed 100 persons each in a fiendish manner and that rape was followed by the bayonet.

Twenty or thirty Armenian villages, it would seem, have been wholly de-

stroyed and some persons were burned to death with kerosene in their own houses.

An official account of the Armenian troubles issued by the Turkish government makes a general denial of the above stories.

CLEVELAND'S AMBITION.

Congressman Pence Says, It Is to Go Into History as the Last Democratic President.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Congressman "Lafe" Pence, of Colorado, in an interview here to-day, said:

"If Mr. Cleveland persists in his profession that the national banks should issue the money of the country, and Congress is subservient to his will, then look out for the breaking up of the Democratic party in the south. Since the days of Andrew Jackson the southern Democrats have been opposed to the farming out of the people's money, and they will desert the party if the leaders persist in that policy."

And Mr. Cleveland is so determined in his course, according to Congressman Pence, that to attain it he would be willing to go down into history as the last of the Democratic Presidents.

CONTESTED SEATS

In the Next House—Twenty-six Cases in All.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—The Republican national congressional committee to-day received information of the intention of three more candidates to file contests against their competitors who will be given seats in the house of representatives on the face of the returns, making a total of twenty-six seats which will be contested. To-day's notices come from Mr. Oraton, of the Third Missouri district, who will contest Mr. Dockery's right to the seat; from Mr. Meyers, of the Sixth Arkansas district, who will contest Neil and from Mr. Spears, of the Third North Carolina district, who will contest Shaw.

DR. MCCOSH DEAD.

The Distinguished Ex-President of Princeton College Passes Away.

PRINCETON, Nov. 16.—Dr. McCosh died at 10 o'clock to-night.

Dr. McCosh had been unwell since nearly all day and died in that condition. His son, Dr. Andrew J. McCosh; his daughters, Mrs. David Magie and Mrs. Alexander Maitland, and his wife, Mrs. Isabella McCosh, were at his death-bed. He has suffered no physical pain, and aside from weakness brought on by old age, has been in perfect health. His physicians attribute his death to heart failure, induced by old age.

Dr. James McCosh was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1810. He became a minister of the Free Church of Scotland, and about 1852 professor of logic at Belfast, Ireland. Among his works are "The Method of the Divine Government, Physical and Moral" (1850), "The Intuitions of the Mind Inductively Investigated" (1860), and "Examination of Mr. J. S. Mill's Philosophy" (1866), and in conjunction with Dr. George Dickie, of Belfast, "Typical Forms and Special Ends in Creation" (1860). Dr. McCosh was a very clear as well as a profound thinker, and threw valuable light on some of the abstrusest questions of the philosophy of the human mind. At the earnest invitation of the trustees and other friends of Princeton college, New Jersey, he came to America in 1868 and assumed the office of president in that institution. To the prosperity of which his name and influence appear to have given a new impulse.

PROSPECTIVE LYNCHING

As the Result of Fiendish Deeds Committed at Atchison.

ATCHISON, KANSAS, Nov. 16.—Considerable suppressed excitement which may end in a lynching, has been caused here by the brutal acts of a negro this morning. Between 4:30 and 6:30 o'clock an unknown negro entered the homes of four highly respectable white ladies living within four blocks of each other and outraged them.

The fiend was evidently acquainted with the habits of the male folks, as at each place they were absent at the time. The victims are Mrs. Michael Cain, Miss Rosa Cain, Mrs. Grossman and Mrs. Benjamin Poston. Searching parties are looking for the negro in every direction and most summary justice will surely be meted out to him if captured.

It was finally learned that the fiend was Tom Collins, a negro hostler from Fort Leavenworth, who had been in Atchison the past three days on a spree. He was traced to Leavenworth, arrested and brought back here this evening. He was secretly taken to the county jail, where to-night he is under heavy guard. It is now thought the law will be allowed to take its course. Mrs. Cain is in a precarious condition and may succumb to her injuries. Her daughter and the other two women also suffered injury, but will recover.

SHOCK HANDS WITH HIM.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—The delegates to the annual convention of agricultural experiment stations, numbering with the ladies of their families, about sixty, called upon President Cleveland at the white house to-day. They were introduced personally to the President and each received a hearty handshake.

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

Hastings' plurality in Pennsylvania is 241,597.

Forest fires, started by children playing with matches, have done great damage in the vicinity of Northville, Ky.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has notified all salaried employees of a reduction of 10 per cent on and after December 1.

While driving over the Pan-Handle tracks at Coshocton, Ohio, County Commissioner Daniel Fair was struck by a train and killed.

A dispatch from Dubois, Pa., says that the Bell, Lewis & Yates miners have decided to accept the reduction to 35 cents per ton.

In the billiard match the score stood at the close of the game last night: Schaefer 2,548; Ives 3,000. Highest run: Schaefer 120; Ives 125.

Martin V. Strait, of Elmira, N. Y., fatally shot his wife, put one bullet in the body of Mrs. William Whitford, his sister-in-law, which may cause her death, and then fatally shot himself. The shooting was the result of domestic difficulties.

HON. S. B. ELKINS

Interviewed at Baltimore—Briefly Refers to His Candidacy for the Senate.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 16.—Hon. Stephen B. Elkins, ex-secretary of war, in discussing the political situation in West Virginia, said that, while he is a candidate for the United States senate from that state, just at this time he is paying more attention to his private affairs than to a canvass for the position.

There are several candidates in the field besides himself, he said, and the impression is that some of them were suggested by Democrats rather than by Republicans. Referring to the candidacy of Judge Nathan Goff, Mr. Elkins said he had not heard directly or indirectly from Judge Goff or any of his friends that Judge Goff intends to enter the contest. "It is almost certain to follow," he continued, "that if Judge Goff is selected President Cleveland will appoint Mr. William L. Wilson as his successor on the United States circuit bench."

GRAFTON JUBILATES

Over the Great Protection Victory in West Virginia—A Memorable Occasion.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

GRAFTON, W. VA., Nov. 16.—Grafton had her jollification to-night. It was a great big demonstration, unbounded in its enthusiasm; joyous and hilarious, yet withal good natured and tolerant. The whole town was ablaze with illuminations. Fireworks scattered their brilliant pyrotechnics everywhere, and the cannons' boom reverberated from hill to hill.

Dayton was here, and the very air rang with his name from thousands of throats. The procession was magnificent in proportions and attractive in appearance. Hon. Bruce Blue, Taylor county's delegate-elect to the legislature, was marshal. Along the line of march the streets were thronged with cheering multitudes of people.

DR. AULIZ MURDERED.

A Probable Sequel to the Davis Tragedy, Growing Out of the Miners' Riots.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Nov. 16.—The body of Dr. A. E. Aultz, a prominent physician of Montgomery, was found to-day at the foot of a trestle near there. Foul play is suspected, and it may be that he has fallen by the hands of miners, one of whom, Bud Cleadenning, was last convicted of the murder of Dr. J. W. Davis at Montgomery last July. The killing of Dr. Davis was shown to have resulted from a conspiracy to get him out of the way, as he knew too much, having attended several of the miners wounded in riots during the strike in that section last spring. Dr. Aultz was an ex-member of the West Virginia legislature from Kanawha county.

NEW OIL TERRITORY.

A Test Well to be Put Down in Monongalia County by a New Company.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., Nov. 16.—To-day W. H. Beckwith and W. C. McKean, Pennsylvania capitalists, leased 1,500 acres of land in Monongalia county, about two miles from Chest Haven, and will organize a company to bore for gas and oil. The capital stock of the company is to be \$25,000, divided into 5,000 shares, 250 of which are to be held by Beckwith and McKean. As soon as \$5,000 has been subscribed and paid, a test well will be put down. About twenty years ago two wells were put down only 500 feet and both oil and gas were struck. This county is a new territory for the operators of oil and gas men, but it is believed the field is a rich one.

Made an Assignment.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CALDWELL, O., Nov. 16.—County Commissioner Isaac M. Combs has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. His assets and liabilities are unknown at present. Mr. Combs was elected on the Republican ticket to the office he now so ably fills by a largely increased majority, and his assignment has caused quite a sensation here.

A Young Horse Thief.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

KINGWOOD, W. VA., Nov. 16.—Last night Homer Duncan, a colored lad with a bad reputation, stole P. J. Crogan's horse, and was caught at Tunnelton and brought back here this morning. At the hearing this afternoon the justice sent him to jail to await the action of the December grand jury.

New Postmasters.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—C. C. Durrett has been appointed postmaster at Harding, Randolph county, vice J. C. Wilson removed.

Bribe Takers Arraigned.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Three ex-police captains, five ex-sergeants of police and several ex-wardmen and patrolmen who are under indictment for bribe taking or other forms of oppression, were before Justice Ingraham in the court of oyer and terminer to-day. Counsel for some of the accused obtained permission to file demurrers to the indictments, and their cases were set for hearing on Monday next. Then argument was begun upon the demurrer to the indictments against ex-Captain Stephenson.

A Civil Service Kick.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 16.—Postmaster Warfield yesterday dismissed seven clerks and appointed in their stead men known in politics as independents.

The dismissed men all protest in the most vigorous manner that their removal was in direct violation of the latest civil service order which went into effect November 2, and have placed the matter in the hands of John C. Rose, of the civil service reform association.

"Nothing Venture, Nothing Have."

Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mon., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement. "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Pool, Pastor Central Presbyterian Church, Helena, Mon.

It is a medicine above all others for catarrh, and is worth its weight in gold. I can use Ely's Cream Balm with safety and it does all that is claimed for it.—B. W. Sperry, Hartford, Conn.

THE W. C. T. U.

Opening of the Greatest Convention in Its History.

MISS WILLARD'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Work of Women an Unique Feature of the Late Elections.

CASE OF THE LADY AND THE TIGER

In New York, Where Women Took a Prominent Part in Defeating Corrupt Tammany—Treasurer Helen M. Barker's Report Applauded—An Interesting Day's Programme—Dr. Joseph Cook Present—A Delegation From the Catholic Total Abstinence Society.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 16.—Under the banner, "For God and Home and Native Land," delegates representing every state in the union, and a following of thousands of wearers of the white ribbon, assembled this morning in Music Hall to open the twenty-first annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The scene presented in the hall just before the convention was called to order was an animated one. The hum of conversation increased as the hour set for the convention to be called to order drew near, until it assumed the proportions of a mighty roar.

The decorations of the big auditorium were profuse and artistic, with yellow and white predominating. The wall which formed a background for the platform was a mass of yellow and white bunting. The white is the recognized color of the Women's Christian Union, and the yellow bears the same relation to the woman suffragists. The balconies are draped in white and yellow, and the upper one is intertwined with the red, white and blue. Each balcony post supports a state or superintendent's banner.

The convention was called to order a few minutes before 10 o'clock. Miss Willard rapped sharply seven times on the table in front of her. Instantly the big assembly came to order.

"Seven raps for love, hope and gratitude," said Miss Willard. "You will notice that we are a little behind time, but if you will get your seats as quickly as possible we will begin our opening exercises. I will ask Mother Thompson, Aunt Stewart and Mrs. Monroe to read the crusade psalm responsively with you."

The three ladies named rose and stood with Miss Willard while the psalm was read, a verse by the audience and a verse by those on the platform. It was an impressive moment. Then followed the crusade hymn, "Rock of Ages," by the entire convention, led by Mrs. Alice Harris, of Boston, national superintendent of music, and the grand notes of the organ pealed above the voices of the audience. There were probably 500 delegates present, and the hall was well filled with spectators.

Rev. Frances Townsend, of Nebraska, next led the convention in a fervent prayer. She offered thanks for the twenty-first birthday of the W. C. T. U. movement, since guided and guarded by a love strong as fatherhood, true as brotherhood and tender and loving as motherhood. She referred touchingly to the death of Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, who died a month ago; to Miss Willard, the national president, and to Lady Henry Somerset, whose absence from the convention is so greatly deplored.

At the conclusion of the prayer Miss Willard spoke feelingly of the late Mrs. Woodbridge, after which Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, of Maine, called the roll of officers, superintendents and delegates. After the singing of the hymn entitled "Welcome, Chieftain, Welcome," Miss Willard stepped to the front of the platform and the first applause of the convention was given and handkerchiefs fluttered in all parts of the house.

Miss Willard thanked the convention for the applause and then began the delivery of her annual address, a resume of which follows:

MISS WILLARD'S ADDRESS.

In the course of her annual address Miss Frances E. Willard said of women in politics: "The work of women is the most unique feature of the recent great elections. It is freely admitted that they had much to do with the downfall of the Tammany ring—it was largely a case of 'the lady and the tiger,' with no doubt as to which came out of the contest ahead. In Illinois the women voted by tens of thousands, in Colorado the Prohibition vote was raised from 1,700 at the last election to from 7,000 to 10,000; and it is the universal testimony that the presence of women at the polls led to a much larger vote by men, and secured the best order ever known. The Republican party did itself damage by assisting the Democrats to vote down the enfranchisement of women in Kansas, but illustrated its progressive tendency by putting a plank in its platform in favor of woman suffrage in the states of California, Idaho and Utah."

"The aggregated self respect of women is making itself felt against the debasing exhibitions of her form, whether pictured or real, before audiences of immortal men. The victory gained by Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. Ormiston Chant and other White Ribbon women in bringing evidence to the London county council, which caused it by a vote of seventy-five to thirty-two to refuse liquor and promenade hall licenses, so that prominent places of amusement in London are closed, is perhaps the strongest proof that a better day has dawned and deserves to rank beside the victory in Kentucky over the perjured Breckinridge, and of women in New York over the tiger of Tammany."

"The appointment of matronly women on every police force was urged as a method of minimizing the degradation of the night side of life in the municipality."

NOT A POPULIST.

"As a man readeth in his newspaper, so is he, and in these days he reads what it is for the interest of great corporations to have him read. Opinion is manufactured by the newspaper just as scientifically as cloth is woven by

the loom. The editorial 'we' should be abolished and every writer stand on his own merits. The strongest things that reformers could do would be to buy space in the great papers of the country in which to put their ideas before the great humanity that beats its life along the stony streets.

"I have not turned Populist, though I hope that Populists and Prohibitionists may be agreed and walk together before long; I am a teetotaler and expect to be one always. I am opposed to anything at any time and in any place, and whether the person lynched is black, brown or white, I believe his taking off to be a crime against nature and against God. I am not a Unitarian, but a loyal Methodist, and I believe that only the golden rule can bring the golden age."

In the course of her address Miss Willard referred to the non-partisan W. C. T. U., and sent it greeting with the wish that the two bodies may come together. This expression was endorsed by the convention with hearty applause. Again when Miss Willard spoke of the denouncement of a Breckinridge and the dethronement of a Tammany tiger the applause was tremendous. The mere mention of Lady Henry Somerset evoked a storm of applause.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

At the afternoon session the first order of business taken up after the devotional exercises was the report of the treasurer, Mrs. Helen M. Barker, of South Dakota. The report shows: Receipts—Dues, \$14,704.99; other contributions, \$11,314.26; total, \$26,019.25. Disbursements, \$20,338.07. Balance in treasury, \$5,681.18. There are no outstanding bills. The receipts of the year were in excess of several previous years, and the dues showed an increase in paid up memberships over last year. This was encouraging in view of the financial stress of the year. Beside the receipts shown by the treasurer's books, assets to the amount of \$1,800 had been donated in interest-bearing notes and stocks, but as they had not been converted into cash, had not entered into account.

Mrs. Baxter was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause.

After the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," a vote of thanks was tendered to Treasurer Helen M. Barker and her report unanimously adopted.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Cook, of Boston, was next introduced and spoke briefly on the success of the past year, and predicted that by the end of the twentieth century the liquor traffic would come to an end. Short addresses followed by Mrs. N. C. Stewart, representing the United Women's Society, of Ohio, and by Mrs. Dr. Blakesley, who brought greetings from Canada.

The reports of superintendents came next and Mrs. Frances J. Barnes reported for the young woman's branch of that organization.

Mrs. Helen G. Rice spoke of the Local Temperance Union.

Mrs. Mary Bingham was next introduced and spoke briefly as the representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church.

Three delegates from the Catholic Total Abstinence Society were then introduced, and Mrs. Leonard Lake spoke briefly, expressing sympathy and co-operation with the movement.

The department of prevention reports were next presented, followed by an address from Mrs. Annette Shaw, of Wisconsin, upon "Health, hereditary." Mrs. Mary Hunt, superintendent of scientific temperance instruction, reported on that subject, showing great progress along those lines.

After a song service Mrs. Frances W. Zeiler spoke on the subject of physical culture.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The recording secretary then read numerous further telegrams of greeting.

The audience sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and after prayer the convention adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

The report of the corresponding secretary says that while nearly all churches, missionary and charitable societies mourn a deficit in finance, and the consequent crippling of their work, the W. C. T. U. comes to its annual meeting with increased membership, every bill paid and a more comforting balance in the treasury than any previous year has shown. The results in Kentucky are summed up in just five words: "Kentucky has defeated Colonel Breckinridge." The report concludes as follows: "We have now a following of between 400 and 500 thousand including the active paid up membership of the W. C. T. U., the honorary members and the Local Temperance Legion, which is the nursery of our organization."

NIGHT SESSION.

In the evening Music Hall was again crowded. Ten-minute addresses of welcome were made, as follows:

For the Federated Unions, by Mrs. S. M. Perkins; for the city, by Mayor Blee; for the state W. C. T. U., by Mrs. H. L. Monroe, and for the Cleveland Temperance Alliance, by Mrs. H. E. Hammond.

Ten minute responses were made by Mrs. Katherine Lento Stevens, of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Narcissa White Kenney, of Oregon.

The day's proceedings closed with music and the benediction.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

In Messina and Calabria—A Panic Among the People.

MESSINA, Nov. 16.—A severe earthquake was felt to-day throughout the province of Messina and also in Calabria. Much damage was done here, Churches of masonry fell and the walls of a number of houses cracked. The upper part of the lighthouse collapsed and the keeper was injured. The inhabitants are in a condition of panic. It is feared that further damage will be reported from the country districts.

Abused a Horse.

Considerable excitement was occasioned on Bank street, in Bridgeport, last evening by the arrest of a colored man from Wheeling for beating his team. The team, hauling sixty-five barrels of coal, stalled in Kirkwood in front of Squire R. T. Howell's place. It was impossible for the team to pull the load, and the driver, Charles Brown, in the employ of C. W. Rixey, began to whip one of the horses in a cruel manner. Finally Squire Howell appeared to the man to desist, and on refusal sent for an officer and had the man arrested. He will have a hearing this morning before Mayor Williams.

OVER IN JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Discovery of Gas and Minerals in the Vicinity of Bergholz.

The recent discovery of lead ore near the western boundary of Jefferson county, Ohio, has led several mineral experts to visit that locality on a prospecting tour. The result of their investigations is somewhat of a surprise both to themselves and to the residents. Out about Bergholz they have found rich veins of fire clay, limestones, coal, and are confident there is oil and gas there also.

At one point on Yellow creek there is an abandoned salt water well from which a continual flow of gas escapes and which has been burning for months past. The coal veins in and about Bergholz are being developed, but the big field south of there has not been opened yet.

About two miles from Bergholz in this field they found miners digging coal off the surface of the ground. A good three foot vein runs along the surface at that point for more than a mile. The numerous oil companies that have located here during the past month are now investigating this part of the county, and it is probable that a well will soon be put down near Bergholz for oil.

This part of the county although so rich in mineral deposits, is as yet undeveloped, although two railroad companies have made surveys through the districts with the intention of building soon. One railroad, the Lake Erie, Alliance & Southern, now terminates at Bergholz, but as it is a tri-weekly affair, on which a train goes out once a week and tries to get back the next week, it has not been able to develop the territory to any great extent. The road is to be sold soon and it is stated on good authority that after the sale it will be extended through to Jewett, where it will connect with the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad and also the Pennsylvania system, and the development of oil, coal, etc., will naturally follow.

ALUMINUM DEMONSTRATION.

Mr. Hall's Process to be Demonstrated in Pittsburgh Soon.

The local people interested in the Joseph B. Hall system of manufacturing aluminum will, in a few days, go to Pittsburgh, where Mr. Hall will give a practical demonstration of his process, which is controlled by the company recently organized. The demonstration would have taken place in Wheeling, but for the fact that there is not an electric dynamo here of the kind necessary. A considerable amount of Wheeling capital will be interested in this enterprise, but it is not probable that the plant will be located here. The company has flattered inducements from several southern towns including Aniston and Bessemer, Alabama, each of which offers a free site and free coal. Harriman, Tennessee, is also in the field for the plant. It is probable that a decision as to the location of the plant will be made soon and that the work of manufacturing the feathery metal will be begun at once.

ANOTHER PLAN SUGGESTED

To Secure Pure Water For Suburban Residents Out the Pipe.

If the project to construct water works at Elm Grove on the Big Wheeling creek should not find sufficient encouragement, which, however, does not seem probable, it is proposed by suburban residents to make a proposition to the city water board for a supply of water from the city's system. Not a great deal of pipe would be necessary to do this. Just now, however, efforts to form the company to construct separate works, together with an electric light plant at Elm Grove, seem likely to be crowned with success.

A Watch Thief.

For some days past an old woman, who gives her name as Lucy Waisting, has been wandering around Moundsville from house to house in search of clothing and other articles. On yesterday morning about 10 o'clock she was at Charles Potts' residence, on Fourth street. She made the same plea to him and was asked in, and Mrs. Potts